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## Orange War Fund Drive Begins

### Discharges Mount Like Wildfire; To Valley Is Impossible

Returning Orange veterans released from the service increased more than three times last week the number counted for the year. The exact figure can not be stated since the register of discharges, where the discharge is to be registered, include only those discharges which men have made in. There is a certain leeway in the time of filing so that they may be home and out of the office with no record obtainable listing them here.

To supplement register of discharges, the office of the U. S. Employment agency in Chapel Hill has been contacted. Notices of discharge are sent there in order that a letter may be written to a veteran offering him aid in securing a job or in obtaining information in regard to his privileges under the GI Bill. Thirty-five letters were written last week and follow-ups to notices received.

Here is the list, in so far as all available information dictates, of Orange county servicemen released during the last three weeks of September:

LEWIS RIGGSBEE, seaman, second class, of Durham, N. C., was honorably discharged after two months in the service. . . . PHILIP PHELPS, specialist, third class, of Cedar Grove, N. C., was discharged under the new system after 2 years of duty. . . . JOHN BARKER FENLEY, pharmacist, third class, of Cedar Grove, received a medical discharge after one year and nine months in the service. . . . BERT HOLMES HOLLAND, yeoman, first class, of 309 Random St., Chapel Hill, was discharged under the new release system after three years and five months of duty. . . . THOMAS ABNER HICKS, cook, of West Hillsboro, was discharged, just why not determined because of scant information on his Navy discharge form. . . . WILLIAM RANSOM CAMPBELL, seaman, second class, of Carrboro, and BRATCHER WARREN, seaman, apprentice, of Hillsboro, are two more recently-released men for whom the date of discharge was not obtained.

The following were released under the Army's point system: JOHN T. FOWLER, staff sergeant, of 234 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, who served two years and four months, won the distinguished conduct cross and the air medal and was in action in the Rhineland and in France.

LEWIS WALKER, private, from Hillsboro, a former employee of the Eno Cotton Mills. . . . GERALD C. DUNCAN, technician, fourth grade, of Rt. 2, Chapel Hill, who was awarded the good conduct medal and served in the Pacific and Pacific theatre. . . . AMUEL H. HOBBS, master sergeant, of 311 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill, who served two years and three months in the Army and was in the European theatre. . . . DALLAS H. ROBERSON, technician, third grade, of Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, who put in seven years and six months, serving in both the MET and APT. . . . ROY SPARROW, sergeant, of Chapel Hill, who held the purple heart and the distinguished unit badge, serving five years and four months.

LEWIS D. VICKERS, first lieutenant, Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, who held the distinguished flying cross and the air medal with three oak leaf branches, home after one year and four months in service. . . . CLARENCE A. WOMACK, private, first class, of Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, who served five years and three months in the Aleutians, the Rhineland and other European theatres. . . . MARVIN L. WORKMAN, technician, fourth grade, Rt. 2, Hillsboro, who wore the purple heart and served four years and eight months, part of that time in the MET. . . . ALEXANDER W. TAYLOR, private, West Hillsboro, who was in service for four years and eight months, seeing action in the Rhineland and Ardennes campaigns. . . . FREDERICK B. CONNOR, staff sergeant, of Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, who was in the Pacific area, four years and 10 months his total service time. . . . HORACE B. DARK, sergeant, Carrboro, who won the president-

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### USS Massachusetts Returns From Pacific; Carrboro Boy Aboard Battle-Scarred Ship



Pictured above is the USS Massachusetts which reached the west coast on Sept. 13 to become the first battleship to return to the States from the Pacific war. Serving aboard the Massachusetts is E. B. Partin, seaman, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Partin of Carrboro. During the war career of this ship, she sank three enemy vessels, seriously damaged two fighting ships and sailed more than 225,000 miles. She participated in 35 engagements during three years of operations in two oceans.

### Firemen Fight 3 Gunmen Mebane Blaze

Answering a four-alarm call Tuesday afternoon were eight members of Hillsboro's crack volunteer fire department who made it to Mebane and the blazing Fitch-Riggs Lumber Co. there in 12 minutes. In spite of water spraying on all sides from the hose of Graham, Burlington, Mebane and Hillsboro fire-fighters, the lumber company burned to the ground with very little of the stacked timber saved.

Several thousand dollars worth of damage was done. Tar and paint which were stored in barrels exploded and added fuel to the fire. Hillsboro firemen pumped water for an hour and did not stop to go any nearer the building than their station at the pump. They did not determine how the fire began.

Driving the local fire truck was Seth Thomas, an old member of the fire department who is home on furlough right now. Others hopping on for the trip were George Gilmore, chief, Gilbert Ray, Carl Davis, Ralph Thomas, Chandler Cates, Herman Strayhorn and Leonard Roseman.

Phone local news items to 55.

### 3 Gunmen Flee With Huge Haul

Earl Davis, clerk in McBain's Remnant store between Efland and Mebane, was robbed of \$400 Monday night, and about \$50 was taken from the cash drawer in the store by three unidentified men.

The three men drove up to the gas pump in front of McBain's in a black Ford coach, either a '41 or '42 model, and Davis filled their tank. The driver asked Davis how much his bill was, whereupon one of the other occupants of the car came in with, "Never mind that—just open the cash drawer."

Using a short gun, the man who had spoken jumped out of the car and proceeded to relieve the cashier and Davis of all available currency. Davis described the stick-up-man as weighing 150 pounds, standing about five feet, nine inches and having a black mustache and black hair.

This mustached marauder fled from the store to the car where the driver had the engine idling. Heading west toward Mebane, the car sped down the road, leaving no apparent clues. Sheriff S. T. Latta is working on the case.

### Scouts Make Rummage Pay

The Girl Scouts made around \$130 Saturday from their rummage sale in the Eno Chevrolet building. Proceeds from this sale will go toward buying uniforms and equipment for the girls.

The local Lone Troop, organized in July and inactive during the month of August while most of the girls were away at camps, is starting off the fall with two meetings a month. Five meetings have been held since the troop was organized.

There are now 21 girls, ranging in ages from 12 to 17, who are working toward a tenderfoot badge. Miss Margaret Monk is troop leader, and her assistants are Mrs. Brown Gordon, Jr., Miss Jean Liner and Miss LaVerne Ward. The troop committee is composed of Dr. H. W. Moore, Mrs. H. H. Brown and Mrs. Efland Forrest.

Members of the troop are Helen Beard, Nancy Crawford, Betsy Ann Forrest, Phyllis Forrest, Jacqueline Goodwin, Jane Liner, Dorothy Lloyd, Jeanette Miller, Patsy Teer, Ann Efland, Carolyn Davis, Evelyn McAdams, Jacqueline Whitaker, Hilda Scott, Doris Cheek, Carene Goodwin, Betty Privette, Kathleen Tapp, Mary Frances Rosemond, Nell Walker and Joyce Brown.

### Docket Is Finished In A Day

The October term of Civil Court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., of Monroe presiding. The light docket was quickly dispensed with, 10 cases being tried and acted upon by adjournment at 5 o'clock that afternoon. Of the 10 cases, seven were divorces, all of which were granted, one filed as non-suit due to death having occurred to one of the parties involved.

In the suit of Harry Criticos et al vs. W. Ed McPherson et al, the date of expiration for timber removal from property sold at auction had been misunderstood. McPherson, former owner of land, had understood removal of timber to be effective after date of auction, which was June 15, 1944, making expiration June 15, 1945. However, Criticos, present owner of land, had understood auctioneer to give McPherson only until January 1, 1945, to remove timber. McPherson was granted extension until December 29, 1945, to remove all timber from land.

In the action of Mrs. Clellie Lucas vs. Mrs. Nora E. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas will turn over to Mrs. Lloyd one toilet set (silver, which was presented to the late H. F. Lucas by his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd) and books constituting library of the late H. F. Lucas, except for Encyclopedia Britannica, and pay Mrs. Lloyd \$2,000 plus cost of action. Mrs. Lucas, administratrix of estate of the late Mr. Lucas, gave a quitclaim.

The divorce suits covered were on the grounds of two years separation and included Charlie L. Bradsher vs. Katie E. Bradsher; June W. Lemons vs. Margaret R. Lemons; Alice Taylor Tripp vs. Luther Tripp; Albert D. Stansbery vs. Ruth S. Stansbery; Wayman Dorr vs. Clovie Dorr; Connie Atwater Durham vs. Willie Durham; and the suit of Margaret L. Teal vs. James H. Teal, nonsuited due to the death of James H. Teal, defendant.

### Bill Would Give \$95,000 Postoffice

A recommendation that \$95,000 be allotted Hillsboro for post-office extension, repair and additional land was made to Congress Tuesday by the Public Buildings Administration of the Federal Works Agency and the Postoffice Department. This was one of 105 North Carolina postoffice construction projects proposed.

Inclusion of a building in the eligible list is no indication that a recommendation for its construction is to be expected in the near future, pointed out W. Englebert Reynolds, commissioner of public buildings. He said that many of the proposed buildings may not be constructed for years.

### MRS. EDNA ROBERTS ATTENDS LINEN SHOWER

Mrs. Edna Roberts attended the linen shower given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Terry recently honoring the former Miss Polly Terry.

### Youth Will Face Murder Rap If Robert Edwards Dies Now

Oct. 3.—What may be a murder charge and what may be a charge of assault with deadly weapon hangs over 17-year-old Linwood Reed of near Efland today as he paces the floor of the county jail waiting word as to whether Robert Edwards, whom he shot Monday, lives or dies.

### Johnson, Cobb Share Position Of Leadership

The United War Fund for the county got underway Monday and will continue through the next two weeks, with goal for Chapel Hill and Carrboro set at the figure of \$9,000 and for Hillsboro and rural Orange at \$4,000.

Heading the committee for Hillsboro is S. A. Johnson, with Gilbert Ray as treasurer. Don S. Matheson is chairman for the rural area, and John Clayton and Sydney Green have charge of the drive in West Hillsboro.

Collier Cobb has been named committee chairman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro campaign with J. T. Gobel as treasurer. On the committee with Cobb and Gobel are L. J. Phipps, Edwin S. Lanier, E. C. Smith, W. E. Thompson, Eugene White, Russell Grumman, J. R. Evans in Carrboro and L. V. Huggins as chairman for a special committee in the Chapel Hill business district.

Checks should be mailed to either Gobel in Chapel Hill or to Ray in Hillsboro, depending on the area in which the contributor lives.

The National War Fund is a federation of the leading war-related appeals with different organizations which once appealed separately for support united in one common drive. The Red Cross is the only organization serving the armed forces which does not come in under this drive. The USO, United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Philippine War Relief, Belgian War Relief Society, British War Relief Society, United China Relief, American Relief for Czechoslovakia, American Denmark Relief, American Relief for France, Greek War Relief Association, American Relief for Holland, American Relief for Italy, United Lithuanian Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, American Relief for Norway, Polish War Relief, Russian War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief, American Field Service, Refugee Relief Trustee, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children—these are the organizations to which part of the money collected will go. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, local recreation centers and nursing schools will come in for their share.

It is necessary that the quotas be raised this year, even though the war is over, since work of the War Fund is going forward more strongly than ever to bring entertainment to now idle soldiers, food to children left homeless in the wake of war and aid to local civic groups which could not continue their activities without outside support.

## CARRBORO

### BAPTIST TRAINING UNION HELD HERE SUNDAY

A large number of young people from churches of the Mount Zion district attended the Mount Zion Baptist Training Union held at the Carrboro Baptist church last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The principal speaker was Dr. Kelley Barnett, pastor of the Chapel Hill Baptist church. Dr. Barnett spoke on "What is the Baptist Spirit."

The devotional thought was on the training union theme for October, "Christians Witnessing for World Salvation." Others taking part on the very interesting program were Mrs. Margaret McKimmon and Miss Mildred Thomas of the West Durham Baptist church. Next Sunday has been set aside as Rally Day for the Baptist church here. A special program has been arranged and everyone is urged to go to church on this special day.

### FIRST 4-H GATHERING OF FALL WAS THURSDAY

The first 4-H Club meeting of the year was held in the Carrboro school auditorium last Thursday morning at 10:45. The new county Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Kathryn Highsmith, was present, also Don Matheson, the County Agent. This was an organization meeting and after the group singing of "God Bless America" the following officers for the year were elected: president, Lee West; vice-president, Milton Cheek; secretary and treasurer, Carole Dean Hunt; program chairman, Earlene Perry.

The 4-H Club meetings in the Carrboro school this year will be held on Wednesdays, the fourth Wednesday in each month.

### ELECTS OFFICERS

In a very interesting meeting of the men's Bible class of the Baptist church held last week the following officers were elected for the year: president, Archie Christopher; first vice-president, Billy Williams; second vice-president, Wiley Franklin; corresponding secretary, Wallace Womble; recording secretary, Mack Williams; treasurer, Earl Perry.

### GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

Charlie Ragan has sold his garage near the Carrboro school to Carl Bradshaw and Lonnie Brockwell who will now run the business.

### LEE WEST, JANE LANNING FETED ON BIRTHDAYS

Lee West, who was 13 last Saturday, and his cousin, Jane Lanning, who was 14, were given a formal party last Saturday evening at the West home out on the Graham highway. A large number of young people attended the party. The home was decorated throughout with arrangements of summer flowers. The flowers in the dining room were especially lovely with the birthday cakes and candles. The refreshments served the guests were sandwiches, cookies, ice cream and cake. The honor guests were showered with appropriate and very attractive gifts.

### OTHER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Other birthday parties held last week were Michael Riggsbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Riggsbee, who was five years old on Saturday. His mother made him a big chocolate cake with candles. Forty-five guests came to help him cele-

### FIVE GENERATIONS



Isaac Durham of Carrboro, the only man in the midst of the four women above, will be 91 years old on Oct. 18. To his left is his daughter, Mrs. T. N. Mann, and at the extreme right his granddaughter, Mrs. Flossie Campbell, both of Carrboro. Adding the last two steps in this ladder of five generations are his great-granddaughter, second from right, Mrs. H. W. Roberts of New York, and the very young great-granddaughter in Mrs. Roberts' lap, Miss Anna Roberts. Mrs. Roberts and Anna were in Carrboro recently for a visit. This picture was taken at that time and is presented as evidence that five generations of one family can still be found occasionally.

brate his birthday and pictures of the children were made to send to Michael's father overseas.

Helen Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs Hogan, was eight last Saturday. The large number of birthday guests attending her party at 3 o'clock in the afternoon enjoyed the games and the big chocolate cake with candles and ice cream.

On Saturday evening Miss Rebecca Williams celebrated her 13th birthday with a party at her home on Oak Ave. A large group of the younger set attended and enjoyed the evening spent with delightful music, games and contests. Rebecca received a large number of useful and lovely gifts. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ben Williams, and her sister, Mrs. C. F. Looney.

old last Friday. He was given a delightful birthday party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Thomas, Friday afternoon from 4 to 6. His favorite cake is chocolate, especially on his birthday with 10 glowing candles, and all his friends were present to help him enjoy his birthday. The occasion was a very happy one for all the young guests who enjoyed seeing Robert open all his gifts.

### RALLY DAY AT DAMASCUS

A Rally Day, an all-day service with dinner on the grounds, was held at the Damascus Congregational Christian church last Sunday. The three other churches taking part in the Rally were the Chapel Hill Congregational Chris-

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### Subscribers To The News

Subscribing to THE NEWS this past week for the first time were the following:  
Chapel Hill—Paul H. Robertson, Carl M. Smith, W. H. Yeargan.  
Chapel Hill, Rt. 1—Mrs. Berta Davis, Lacy R. Pinnix.  
Hillsboro, Rt. 1—J. S. Faucette, J. F. Watkins.  
Cedar Grove, Rt. 1—W. J. Currie.  
Efland, Rt. 1—Mrs. Marlene Jeffries.  
Rougemont, Rt. 1—Arthur D. Carden.  
Out of county—Cadet Herman Brown, Waynesboro, Va., Nellie Cheek Davis, Charlotte.

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS